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AMENDMENT

In response to the Advisory Office action of November 2, 2009, the Applicant submits the following remarks and/or amendments. If any extension of time for this Response is required, the Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. Please cancel Claims 2-3 and 7, without prejudice.
- 2. Claims 1 and 9-12 have been amended and begin on page 2 of this paper.
 - 3. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.